(iii)	Bore Wells	162	Nos.
(iv)	Drinking Water Supply	15	Nos.
(v)	Roads	104.72	Km.
(vi)	School Buildings	49	Nos.
(vii)	Panchayat/Community Halls	46	Nos.
(viii)	Temples	71	Nos.
(ix)	Mosques	15	Nos.
(x)	Compensation paid	Rs. 198.389	crores
(xi)	Persons rehabilitated	24517	Nos.

The estimated cost of rehabilitation & resettlement plan including land compensation is Rs. 1314.06 crores.

Dredging Machine Out of Order in J & K

1380. SHRI GULAM RASOOL KAR : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that the Dredging Machine at Baramulla in J & K has not been working for last ten years and due to accumulation of silt, rains are creating havoc in the valley; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes, Sir. However the floods in the Jhelum Valley are not due to nonfunctioning of the Dredger alone.

(b) Government of J&K is examining a proposal to undertake overhauling of old dredging machine so that dredging operations could be resumed.

[Translation]

Auranga Reservoir Scheme

1381. SHRI BRAJ MOHAN RAM : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which the Union Government had accorded approval to Auranga Reservoir Sceme of Bihar;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the said scheme so far;

(c) whether the Government propose to commission this project; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Auranga Reservoir Scheme was approved in June 1983.

(b) Anticipated expenditure upto March 1995 was Rs. 18.40 Crores.

(c) and (d). The commissioning of the project depends upon the allocation of funds by the State Government.

[English]

Motor Vehicles Act 1988

1382. SHRI SARRAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have amended the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any memorandum has been received by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Motor Vehicles Act 1988 was amended in 1994 vide Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 1994. This was published for general information in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part-II, Section I on 12th September, 1994 as "The Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 1994, No. 54 of 1994".

(c) and (d). Amendment in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 is a continuous process and number of suggestions/representation have been received from various organisations/Departments, State Governments as well as from the individuals viz., All India Motor Transport Congress, Transport Departments of Government of Tamil nadu, Govt. of West Bengal, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, etc. These suggestions/representations have been referred to a sub-committee reviewing the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 for their consideration.

CBI Enquiry on Indira Gandhi Canal Project

1383. SHRI TARACHAND BHAGORA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Union Government propose to conduct a CBI enquiry into the gross financial irregularities and case of corruption that took place in the country's ambitious "Indira Gandhi Canal Project" during the last five years; and

(b) if so, the date on which it is likely to be initiated and the plan of action in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b). No gross financial irregularities have been reported by Government of Rajasthan necessitating such an enquiry.

Small Pox

1384. SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that many

districts in Uttar Pradesh have been under the jaws of small-pox apidemia recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to prevent and eradicate the epidemic?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c). India was declared small pox free by an International Commission for Assessment of Small Pox Eradication in April, 1977. The Position continues to be the same.

Ban on Private Practice

1385. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some states have banned the private practice by Government doctors;

(b) if so, the name of such States;

(c) whether the doctors are provided with some other facilities in lieu of their banning private practice; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d). The State Government were requested to take steps to phase out the system of private practice by medical personnel in Government service. State-wise data on ban on private practice by Government doctors is not available. However, Central Government doctors are not allowed to do private practice. As a measure of compensation, Non-Practice Allowence is being given to such doctors.

Pass percentage of Results Declared by CBSE

1386. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any decline in pass percentage of Class X and Class XII results declared by the CBSE in Delhi in June, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present pass percentage as compared to the pass percentage of the last three years;

(d) whether the CBSE has made it mandatory to clear all the five subjects in class X;

(e) if so, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Government have received any representations against the CBSE decision; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) to (c). The information furnished by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) regarding Pass percentage of Class X and Class XII results declared by the Board in the Delhji Region is given below :

Year	Class X	Class XII
1993	50.5	64.9
1994	55.9	68.0
1995	49.6	65.6
1996	48.3	68.9

(d) to (g). In order to bring about uniformity with other Boards in the country, the CBSE have adopted a revised pass criteria requiring the class X candidates to pass in all the five subjects of external examination conducted by the Board with effect from March, 1995 onwards. Opinions were expressed in some quarters against the above mentioned decision by the Board decided not to make any change in the revised pass criteria.

[Translation]

Facilities to Sainiks/Ex-Servicemen

1387 SHRI KACHARUBHAU RAUT :
SHRI DATTA MEGHE :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide more facilities-concessions to the sainiks/ex-servicemen and their widows; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b). Improving the facilities/concessions admissible to ex-Servicemen and their families is an ongoing process. Government have set up Fifth Central Pay Commission. The terms of reference of the Pay Commission inter-alia include examination of present structure of emoluments, pension, conditions of service and also the variety of allowances and benefits in kind that are presently available to Central Government employees including Armed Forces Personnel and to make recommendations relating thereto which may be desirable and feasible.

Diseases in Rainy Season

1388. SHRI LALIT ORAON : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether every year hundreds of persons die of Cholera, blood dysentry, diarrhoea and brain fever in Vananchal region of Bihar during rainy season;